

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION  
RECONCILIATION ACT OF  
2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, after five years of setting records for weak job creation, the President is giving us a rosy outlook for our economy. What he fails to mention in his economic pep talks is the elephant sitting in the room—this administration continues to set record debts and deficits, long-term, structural problems that will bog us down for generations to come.

What is our response as a Congress to this fiscal mess? A bill that would cost \$81 billion over 10 years. A bill that would pile on to the deficit that is projected to be \$3.5 trillion over 10 years. I suppose the thinking is compared to \$3.5 trillion, what's another \$81 billion? Only in Washington.

What's worse, the middle class—the foundation of our Nation and our economy will be largely ignored by the bill before us. It's bad enough that working Americans have already been left behind in our economic recovery.

But this bill will essentially raise taxes on 17 million American middle-class families by failing to protect them from the Alternative Minimum Tax. Make no mistake, they will not get real protection from yesterday's fig-leaf AMT bill, and they will get nothing from the bill before us today.

We are considering more of the same. More debt, more deficits, more working Americans who are ignored.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this bill and "yes" on the sensible Rangel substitute, which will allow us to really fix the AMT, help the middle class and help working Americans.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND J. MAPA

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2005*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on January 3, 2006, Raymond J. Mapa, Senior Property Manager of the Phillip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in San Francisco, will retire after an extraordinary 41-year career in federal service. Ray epitomizes professionalism, community outreach and the American Dream.

Ray came to San Francisco from the Philippines at a young age, and was naturalized at the Federal Building and Courthouse he would later manage.

Ray attended the University of San Francisco and, in 1964, began his civil service career with the U.S. Post Office Department. After one year the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service selected him for a "trainee" program in Inventory Management. Ultimately, Ray advanced to the position of Director of the Inventory Management Division.

After holding several positions in the Federal Supply Service, Ray moved to the field of

property management. He left a rich legacy. Managing the Phillip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, particularly in the post-September 11 era, presents significant challenges. Ray's focus on building security led to close cooperation with the U.S. Marshals Service, the Department of Homeland Security and local law enforcement. This collaboration contributes to the safety of all building tenants and visitors.

As tenants of the Phillip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, my staff and I appreciate Ray's steadfast commitment to customer service. He instilled these high standards in his employees and it has resulted in a superior level of customer satisfaction.

As Ray's career draws to a close, I wish him, his wife Emma, and his children Christopher, Penny, Renee and Angela—the best life has to offer. Finally, to Raymond's grandchildren, Raymond and Emma, and his future grandchildren, I offer my wishes for the brightest of futures, guided by the stars of your grandfather's great accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO LOWELL HIGH  
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2005*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the outstanding achievements of an exceptional group of students from Lowell High School, located in Indiana's First Congressional District. On Saturday, November 26, 2005, the Lowell High School Football Team won the Class 4A State Championship game.

The people of Lowell, as well as the entire Northwest Indiana community, can be proud of the following members of the football team: Michael Kreczmer, Jeffrey Clemens, Zach Porras, Jacob Gill, Zachary Zolmer, Scott Gray, James Ritter, John Black, Lukas Palmer, Jonathan Cap, Joshua Kuiper, Christopher Jacobson, Max Znika IV, Michael Dowling, Christopher Briggs, Christopher Lampa, Johnny Underwood, Joshua Lofrano, Chad Small, Mark Puskar, Steffan Peck, Christopher Thompson, Dean Frigo, Jeffrey Barker, Timothy Lukasik, Matthew Garton, Joseph Carlson, Daniel Remboski, Paul Demro, Ethan Winel, Tyler Overdorf, Eugene Wentworth, Kaleb Layman, David Lang, Anthony Hurst, Ryan King, Trenton Keelen, Nicholas Traficanti, Andrew Steuer, Chris Caputo, Matthew Heabel, Brandon Werblous, Jed Travis, Joshua Hayden, Robert Becker, Jr., Jon Sgouroudis, Mark Lunsford, Michael Staniewicz, Randy Layman, Eric McGee, Joe Wojcik, Justin Jackson, Gerald Jackson, Ben Rigby, Eric Roadruck, Dustin Warren, Robert Stluka, Mina Jae Park, Manager Sagan Roney, and Manager Lindsay Rothas.

In addition, I would like to recognize the other members of the Lowell State Championship Team: Athletic Trainer Bobby Wong; Student Trainers Ashley Barragan, Jessica Besaw, Nicole Carlson, Courtney DuBord, Nicole Ford, Samantha Norfleet, Krystal Pigg, and Stephanie Revere; the Varsity Cheerleaders, Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, and their coaches—Cindi Blandford, Linda Glaze, Druanne Smith, and Don Bales. The team's

success is also due to the outstanding ability and leadership of its teachers and coaches. In particular, Kirk Kennedy, Jim Carlson, Jim Kiechle, Keith Kilmer, Brad Stewart, Trent Staggs and Ed Miracle should be commended for the devotion they have demonstrated as coaches. Additionally, Lowell Principal James Koger and Assistant Principals Mike Chelap and Ben Ingram should be recognized for their strong support of the football team. The accomplishments of these outstanding individuals are a reflection of their hard work and dedication. Their effort, determined preparation, and rigorous approach have made them the best in the state. They have also brought pride to themselves, their families, their school, and their community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again extend my most heartfelt congratulations to the members of the Lowell High School Football Team for their commitment to excellence, as well as to the faculty members who have instilled in their students the desire to succeed. I am proud to have been given this opportunity to recognize these future leaders, and I look forward to their future achievements as they continue to rise to the top!

THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF THE  
PATRIOT ACT

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2005*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to extend the PATRIOT Act for three months so that conferees may go back to the bargaining table and produce a conference report that is truly bipartisan and bicameral.

The conference report scheduled for debate this week completely ignores the many concerns expressed by Democrats and Republicans, civil libertarians both left and right, prosecutors and defenders, librarians, gun owners and religious groups. It is in fact facing a bipartisan filibuster in the Senate.

That is why Senator LEAHY and I are introducing a 3-month extension of the PATRIOT Act. It will allow the government uninterrupted use of these authorities until the Congress can agree on reasonable checks and balances that will make sure the war on terror doesn't become a war against innocent Americans.

HONORING TARA HALL VIELE FOR  
HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE  
DISTRICT 14

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2005*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tara Hall Viele, a resident of Chautauqua County for her service to the fourteenth legislative district in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Tara has had the opportunity to serve as a strong member of the legislature and an active member of the community.